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### VENDOR EMPLOYEE AT BOEING FACILITY ARRESTED

**WICHITA, Kan.** – Federal agents today arrested an employee of a Boeing vendor performing contract work at Boeing Wichita who allegedly used false documents to be employed by the vendor, United States Attorney for Kansas Eric Melgren announced.

The person arrested, Marvin Canales-Cruz, 20, an undocumented alien from Mexico, is employed by Snodgrass & Sons Construction Company, Inc., Wichita, a Boeing contractor. A criminal complaint filed in the case alleges that Canales-Cruz used a birth certificate and Social Security of a person incarcerated in Texas to gain employment and to obtain a Boeing non-employee identification badge permitting him to work on site at Boeing.

Melgren said Canales-Cruz appeared today before United States Magistrate Judge Karen Humphreys. His case was set for a preliminary hearing Sept. 22. Canales-Cruz will be detained while the case is pending, Melgren said.

The case is part of an ongoing investigation of vendor employees working at defense contract sites like Boeing Wichita being coordinated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the U.S. Department of Defense in cooperation with Boeing's Security Operations office. Three employees of Buckley Roofing, Inc., who were arrested at Boeing in June as part of the investigation have been convicted in federal court, Melgren said. Two of those employees are

in deportation proceedings and the third is to be sentenced in the case Sept. 20.

“We cannot allow persons working under assumed identities to have access to defense contractor sites,” Melgren said Monday. “Vigilance requires that such workers be scrutinized and that these facilities guard against the presence of unauthorized personnel. We all have a responsibility to be alert to these dangers in a post 9/11 world.”

Vendors and contractors should do everything they can to avoid hiring workers presenting false documents to be employed, Melgren said, especially when the jobs they do allow them access to sensitive information or secure areas. If employers have questions about employee documentation, they should contact the Social Security Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement or the U.S. Attorney’s office before hiring them, Melgren said.

Canales-Cruz, if convicted, faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison on the charge of misuse of a Social Security number. As in any criminal case, a person charged with a crime is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.